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Dear Parents and Carers,

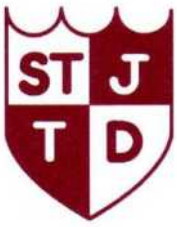
Today we have recognised **Jeans for Genes day** – making a small donation and wearing our jeans to help families who are living with genetic conditions. In our collective worship today, we spent some time finding out about the influence of our genes on our everyday lives and how when our genes are a little different they can have a life-altering impact. Thank you for helping us to create a tidal wave of denim and fundraising to support others.

Next Week is national **Cycle to School Week** – we are encouraging as many children as possible to join in the event and to cycle to school. Cycling not only helps us to keep fit, but it also means we can do our bit to help the planet. Children who wish to take part will be given a Cycle to School stamp card and they will collect daily stamps which will convert to a certificate should they cycle all week.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years	
Nursery and Reception enjoyed reading 'Supertato' this week! Reception made their own vegetable stamps, enjoyed making 'evil peas' out of playdough and Nursery created their own self-portraits; they are wonderfully accurate!	
Year One	
We've had a fantastic week in Year One. We learned lots of new digraphs in phonics and worked very hard at our letter and number formation. In Connected Curriculum we began learning about different kinds of maps and what they can be used for. We read the book 'Martha Maps It Out' and we used this to help us draw our own map of an imaginary place we'd like to live. We learned about baptism in our religion lessons and we watched a video of an infant baptism taking place. We began reading 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. We worked together to predict what the story might be about and to put pictures from the story in chronological order.	
Year Two	
This week in Year Two we have been finding out all about our new connected Curriculum topic, The Great Fire of London and we are looking forward to learning how the fire started and how long it took to put out. We have also been learning about number bonds in maths – going over bonds to 10 and 20. Finally, we have continued with our learning on traditional tales in English and we are looking to find out the features common to all.	
Year Three	Year Four
We had our first school trip on Thursday, to the Horniman Museum. We participated in a prehistoric workshop, and children were able to hold a stone tool that was 300,000 years old! In English, we began work on our play script, dramatizing a scene from Ug. In maths, we have been studying place value of numbers to 1,000. And in science... well, ask your children about Toby!	It's been a wonderful week in our class! We are getting immersed into our topic about Romans, learning about the story of 'Romulus and Remus'. The children really enjoyed giving life to the characters after working through the story. The visit to the Mithraeum was the best way to start talking about Londinium and its story, discovering items, starting to learn about hidden buildings and realising how historians work and learn through the past history. Talking about empathy in RE and feeling descriptions in English, has given us the chance to explore parables about the life of Jesus in a deeper way. During the music lessons, the children really enjoy playing the recorder. Will be ideal if the children could bring the instrument in on Tuesdays and take it home for the weekend, so they can practise. The children continue to display great behaviour and it affects very positively to the quality of the lessons and their wellbeing.
Year Five	
This week in Year Five we have been continuing our learning on Legends in English – we have been reading Viking Tales and comparing their features. In maths we have been focusing on place value and numbers up to 1 million. It can be tricky at times, trying to keep count of the zeros/numbers but we're slowly getting the hang of it.	





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Year Six

This week in Science, Year Six have been learning about the Human Body and finding out how Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide are moved around the body. In maths we have been focusing on negative numbers and, finally, in PE we have been developing our Rugby skills and learning how to pass a Rugby ball, with accuracy and success!

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Well done to Shayaun for being so kind to all of his friends and greeting them with a friendly smile and "Hello" every morning. Good job Shayaun! Sarah has been an amazing helper this week. She has shown all of the new children in our class how to play nicely and tidy up properly. Well done Sarah!
Year One	Ayda for trying very hard in our phonics lessons and always making her best effort. Luqman for working hard during maths lessons and sorting objects according to size, colour and shape
Year Two	Glory for making a fantastic effort in English and always being ready to learn Isaac for doing brilliant maths work and always trying his best
Year Three	Tiwalade for bringing her enthusiasm for learning to every lesson and contributing good ideas in class discussions Malika for paying close attention in maths lessons and applying her learning in her independent work
Year Four	Ysys, for trying hard and showing a wonderful attitude when learning Matthew for trying hard when doing his classwork and having improved his attention during lessons.
Year Five	Amina for consistent, excellent effort and always being ready to help. Mark for improved effort to demonstrate self-control.
Year Six	Afia for lining up quietly and calmly, and being a great role model for her peers. Charles for always asking great questions when discussing topics in class.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	14	 AUGUSTINE	35
 FRANKLIN	20	 DICKENS	44

On a final note, we have had rather a slow start to clubs this term. Linda has been busy responding to your online forms and you should all have received confirmation emails informing you of which club(s) your child has been signed up for and whether or not you are on a waiting list. Do please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

